

### **Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet 1

### **Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 1 - 22 were presented for consideration in the Application as filed. In the outstanding Office Action mailed on July 26, 2006, Drawings (i.e., Fig. 1), Abstract of Disclosure, and Claim 5 were objected to, and Claims 1 - 22 were rejected. In response to the outstanding Office Action, Fig. 1 has been amended; Claim 5 has been amended. Furthermore, the Abstract of Disclosure has been amended. Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

#### **In the Abstract**

The abstract the disclosure was objected to because the abstract contained "legal phraseology often used in patent claims." The abstract has been amended to be contained in a paragraph without using "legal phraseology." It is believed that the amendment does not add new matter. Entry of the amendment is believed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

#### **In the Drawings**

Figure 1 of the drawings was objected to because it was not designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. Figure 1 has been amended to be designated by a legend, namely Prior Art, as shown in the replacement sheet attached hereto. It is believed that the amendment does not add new matter. Approval for the proposed amendment is believed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

#### **Objection of Claim 5**

Claim 5 was objected to because of the informalities. In Claim 5, line 5, after "signal", --level--has been inserted. In addition, in Claim 5, line 4, the redundant phrase "television signal" has been deleted. It is believed that the amendment does not add new matter. Entry of the amendment is believed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

#### **Rejection of Claims 1 -22 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (a)**

Claims 1 - 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by JP 11098426.

Independent Claims 1 *inter alia* recites:

"said amplifying occurs when said received television signal exceeds a second signal level if received television signal comprises the second type of television signal, and said second

signal level is greater than said first signal level" (underline added for emphasis).

Independent Claim 16 *inter alia* recites:

"the value of said control signal is decreased when said received television signal exceeds a second signal level if received television signal comprises the second type of television signal, and said second signal level is greater than said first signal level" (underline added for emphasis).

JP 11098426 neither shows nor suggests the claimed "said second signal level is greater than said first signal level" as recited in the independent Claims 1 and 16. Thus, it is submitted that the independent Claims 1 and 16 are patentable over JP 11098426.

It is also submitted that the dependent Claims 2 - 22 are patentable at least for the same reason that independent Claims 1 and 16 are patentable. Withdrawal of the rejection is believed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

**No Additional Fee**

No fee other than the fee for extension of time is believed due. However, if additional fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

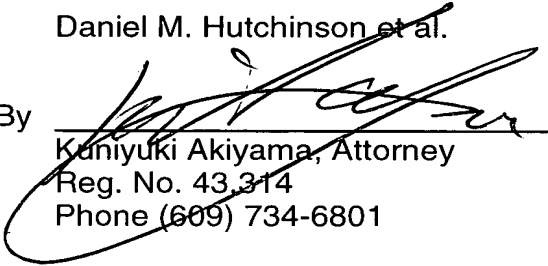
## Conclusion

In view of all of the foregoing, it is submitted that the amended application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6801, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,  
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